Centennial Celebrations Begin!

From May 22-25, 2009, the Naval Postgraduate School will commemorate its 100th anniversary with the School’s first Reunion Weekend. All alumni, former and current faculty and staff, and friends of the school are welcome to attend the festivities held at the School’s campus in Monterey.

“As we mark the 100th anniversary of the Naval Postgraduate School, we invite all members of the NPS community to join us for this historic celebration,” said NPS President Daniel O. Herrmann.

“The Centennial provides a unique opportunity for NPS to share its activities and accomplishments with the local community,” Kari Miglau, director of alumni relations and organizer of the Reunion Weekend said. “Reunion Weekend is the perfect opportunity to come to campus and see what NPS is all about.”

The Reunion Weekend marks the official start of the Centennial celebration and begins Friday with a State of the University address by President Oliver, remarks by Provost Ferrari and open houses at many of the schools, departments and institutes. The Centennial Timeline, an exhibition showcasing the first 100 years of NPS history and running along the entire length of Root Hall, will be dedicated. Saturday includes a special golf event at the newly redesigned Monterey Pines Golf Course, which has not yet been opened to the public.

On Saturday evening, historic Herrmann Hall (the former Del Monte Hotel) will be the site of a gala dinner/dance. At that event, General Michael Hagee, former Commandant of the Marine Corps and NPS alumnus will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. A service of Remembrance will be held Sunday in Christ the King Chapel.

Reunion Weekend culminates on Memorial Day, when NPS will open its gates to the public for its annual Concert on the Lawn – Honoring Heroes and Traditions, featuring the Monterey Bay Symphony. This year, in addition to the concert, there will be walking tours of the NPS campus including the historic Hotel Del Monte. Several of the university’s schools, institutes and centers will welcome all visitors with open houses held throughout the day. There will also be children’s activities, additional performances across campus, the rededication of Dudley Knox Library, and the unveiling of the Centennial Timeline which will stretch the full length of Root Hall. The Del Monte Avenue and Tenth Street gates will be open for the concert on the lawn events at 9:00 a.m. An I.D. is required at the gate, and no pets are allowed.

The NPS exhibition, Hidden History: Untold Stories of the Naval Postgraduate School, at the Monterey Museum and History Museum, will be on view May 23-September 7, 2009. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

You are invited to attend Reunion Weekend, the beginning of a year of Centennial activities, which will not only look back at NPS’ history, but also ahead, as the School shapes its next 100 years. To see a complete calendar of the weekend’s events or to register for the gala or other events, go to http://www.nps.edu/100.

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IN BRIEF

• The Dudley Knox Library’s “Get it!” is featured as a Case Study: Link Resolution for Interlibrary Loan in the April 2009 Volume 40, Issue 4, of American Libraries. The article can be found at: G:\LIBRARY INFO\Articles about DKL & NPS or at: http://site.ebrary.com/lib/ala/docDetail.action?docID=10262870&pp=0&link%20resolution.

• The annual Battle of Midway Dining-Out, coordinated by the President’s Student Council, the Monterey Peninsula Council of the Navy League and the Monterey Bay Commandery of the Naval Order, will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at NPS. Tickets go on sale in the ITT Office in early May.

• A 48-hour advance notice is now required for a visitor to be placed on the Gate Access list. If you miss this deadline, either come to the main gate and escort your visitor or ask your visitor to present his/her credentials to the main gate pass & ID office, where contact will be made to verify access with the sponsor. For questions, contact Ken Bench or Sydney Grooms at 656-2556/1347.

• The NPS Foundation is sponsoring the Fourth Annual America’s Heroes Charity 18-hole Golf Tournament and Auction at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club in August. Over $1,500,000 have been raised in three tournaments to assist U.S. troops wounded in combat. For course information, golf fees and auction items: http://www.npsfoundation.org/golf.php.

• The Rigorous Exemplars of Aptitude and Lethality (REAL) Chess Club meets Friday at 11:00 A.M. in Root Hall Room 101B. All are welcome.
Professor Dave Lamm, Juanita Rendon, and Rene Rendon of GSBPP were presented awards at the 2009 National Contract Management Association (NCMA) World Congress in Long Beach, CA.

Dr. Don Brutzman, 18th IDFW 19, which will take place this November in Auckland, New Zealand, keynote addresses were presented by Lt. Col. David Hudak (with T. Levin, J. Dwoskin, G. Bhaskar, T. Nguyen, P. Clark, R. Lee, and T. Benzel) presented "Securing the Dissemination of Emergency Response Data with an Integrated Hardware-Software Architecture," at the International Conference on the Technical and Socio-economic Aspects of Trusted Computing (TRUST), University of Oxford, Spring, April 2009.

Dr. Paul David Henderson of GSBPP presented "The Case for Free Trade" at the Club for Growth Winter Economic Conference in Palm Beach, Florida. 

GSBPP Asst. Prof. Chong Wang presented his working paper, "The Impact of Career Concerns on Accruals Based and Financial Management," at the 7th National Taiwan University International Conference on Economics, Finance and Accounting, Taipei, Taiwan in March.

Note: Correction to March 2009. Prof. Chong Wang's name was inadvertently printed as Ching Wong.

Tenure-Track Faculty Hires

- Assistant Professor Rachel Johnson, Operations Research
- Senior Lecturer Colonel Eugene Michael Mench H II USA (ret.), Center for Civil-Military Relations
- Prof. Keenan D. Yoho, School of Business and Public Policy
- John Calancie, Research Professor; Wieslaw Masielski, Senior Lecturer; Glenn Cook, Steven Iatrou, and Gary Landlord.
- Capt. Lisa Potvin will receive the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptrollership award at the Professional Development Institute Conference Hosted by the American Society of Military Comptrollers in May.

SEED Center for Data Farming hosts International Workshop

Nearly 85 participants – one-third active duty officers – from eight countries worked in 12 different teams investigating “Dyna-mics: Truths” at the International Data Farming Workshop (IDFW 18) in Monterey, Sponsored by the Simulation Experiments and Efficient Designs (SEED) Center for Data Farming (http://harvest.nps.navy.mil), created three years ago by OR Prof. Susan Szarek and Tom Lazau to advance the use of simulation experiments and efficient designs to provide decision makers with timely insights, the SEED Center is a leader in advancing design of experiment theory and applying it to militarily-relevant problems. 

Dean of Research Karl van Bibber welcomed the gathering, keynote addresses were presented by Lt. Col. David Haidak on ongoing TRAC-Monterey research into irregular warfare, and by Mr. Rob Helman on the challenges and opportunities for data farming in supporting National Security decision making. Information will soon be available on the next workshop, IDEF 19, which will take place this November in Auckland, New Zealand.